Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

June, 2007 Montana

Caseload

- •5,598 children were served this month in this program
- •3,275 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- •10.2% of the families entered the program during this period
- · Yellowstone County accounted for 23.1% of all families served

Children

- •88.2% of children were served in licensed care
- •10.0% of children were cared for by relatives
- ·Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 125 hours per month
- · School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 30.8% of all children served
- · White children accounted for 79.0% of all children served

Families

- •79.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 4.0% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.8
- •89.4% of families were headed by a single parent
- •9.8% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$366 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 8.8% of the cost and the program paid 91.2%
- · Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$376
- · Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$336
- •71.8% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Prairie County at \$800 per child
- Carter County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.